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INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is sponsoring an international exhibition and seminar on telecommunications in New Delhi in 2002 to be organized by Supercom, a foreign organization;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry had consulted Indian exhibition organization about their willingness to undertake the same before inviting Supercom;

(c) if so, whether any other organizations were consulted, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Indian companies have been successfully organizing such exhibitions and seminars for the last several years in New Delhi with foreign firm participation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) There will be an event known as `SUPERCOM ASIA 2002` which will be held in New Delhi in February, 2002 being jointly organized by M/s. Interads, an Indian company and Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) of America and Times Conferences and Exhibitions, Singapore. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has co-sponsored the event without any financial involvement.

(b) DOT considers sponsoring an event after ascertaining the importance of the event, its advantages to Indian Telecom sector, both in providing exposure to the latest developments in the telecom sector to Indian telecom industry, scientists, educational institutions etc. and to promote investment in the sector. This does not require any consultation with other exhibitions organizations and the department liberally supports such events by co-sponsoring without any financial involvement.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Yes, Sir.